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SUBJECT: IEA-DANISH ADHERENCE TO LONG TERM COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM

REF: COPENHAGEN 217; STATE 13806

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE SOONEST TO
DANISH IEA GB REPRESENTATIVE FOREIGN MINISTRY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY RIBBERHOLT FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS
REGARDING DANISH POSITION REPORTED COPENHAGEN 217 ON IEA
LONG TERM PROGRAM TO BE ADOPTED AT JANUARY 29-30 GB
MEETING. BEGIN TEXT:

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1. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL RECENT REPORTS THAT YOU MAY BE

CONSIDERING MATCHING THE CANADIAN REQUEST FOR AN EX-
CEPTION FROM CHAPTER V WITH A DECLARATION QUOTE
BRACKETING END QUOTE CERTAIN OTHER PARTS OF THE PROGRAM.
WE TOO ARE TROUBLED BY THE FACT THAT CANADA WILL NOT BE
ABLE TO ACCEPT ALL OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF CHAPTER V. HOW-
EVER, IN OUR VIEW, THE CANADIAN CASE IS UNIQUE, DUE PRIN-
CIPALLY TO THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL SITUATION. THEREFORE,
PROVIDED THAT THE TEXT OF THE CANADIAN DECLARATION:

-- CLEARLY ESTABLISHES THAT THEIR CASE IS SUI
GENERIS;

-- INDICATES CANADIAN INTENT TO MAKE A CORRESPOND-
INGLY GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL IEA REDUCED
DEPENDENCE OBJECTIVES UNDER OTHER AREAS OF THE LONG TERM
PROGRAM; AND

-- CONTAINS A CANADIAN PLEDGE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY
IN THE CHAPTER V REVIEW PROCEDURES, AND THAT CANADA IS
PREPARED TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT PROJECT-BY-PROJECT
COOPERATION --

WE WOULD CONSIDER THAT CANADIAN REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION
FROM CHAPTER V DOES NOT PREJUDICE THE OVERALL BALANCE OF
COSTS AND BENEFITS FOR ALL IEA MEMBERS WHICH THE LONG-
TERM PROGRAM SEEKS TO ESTABLISH.

3. WITH REGARD TO YOUR CONCERN OVER THE IMPLICATIONS OF
THE CANADIAN TWO-TIER PRICING SYSTEM, WE NOTE THAT THE
CANADIAN DELEGATION HAS TABLED LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN
THE GOVERNING BOARD CONCLUSIONS ON THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM
REAFFIRMING THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S INTENT TO MOVE
DOMESTIC ENERGY PRICES TOWARD WORLD PRICE LEVELS. (CANADA
HAS ALREADY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED DOMESTIC OIL PRICES
FROM DOLS. 4 TO DOLS. 8 A BARREL SINCE 1973 AND HAS
PUBLICLY STATED ITS INTENT TO PHASE THEM UPTOWARD
WORLD PRICE LEVELS).

4. WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THE QUOTE BRACKETING
END QUOTE PROCEDURE WOULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE THE
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EFFECTIVENESS OF THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM AS VEHICLE OF
CONSUMER COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT
TO VIEW AS SERIOUS OR TO FIND MUCH OF SUBSTANTIVE IN TERMS
OF CONSUMER COOPERATION IN AN AGREEMENT IN WHICH A NUMBER
OF COUNTRIES HAVE INDICATED THAT THEIR ADHERENCE IS CON-
DITIONAL. THE FAILURE TO ESTABLISH A SERIOUS AND MEAN-
INGFUL PROGRAM AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR OF NEGOTIATION
WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, SERIOUSLY ERODE THE STATURE AND

VITALITY OF THE AGENCY.

5. FOR THE ABOVE REASONS WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE
DANISH GOVERNMENT RECONSIDER ITS INTENTION TO PROCEED
WITH A DECLARATION WHICH WOULD QUOTE BRACKET END QUOTE
CERTAIN PARTS OF THE PROGRAM. WARM REGARDS, TOM
END TEXT. ROBINSON

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